

24 January 1950

Mr. William Frye
Director, Office of Public Information
National Military Establishment
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Frye:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 23 January regarding the observance of Armed Forces Day on 20 May.

I should like to ask you to remove my name from the list of suggested speakers for several reasons. First, that by formal directive from the National Security Council, this Agency, including the Director, has been ordered to shun publicity as much as possible and certainly, of course, it would be impossible to go before an audience without mentioning one's present duty. Second, this duty, as Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, is somewhat removed from actual participation with any of the Armed Services, being more a civilian-type agency than belonging to the National Military Establishment.

I thank you very much for your help in this matter and beg to be,

Sincerely yours,

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R. H. Hillenkottter
Rear Admiral, USN
Director of Central Intelligence

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